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Re: CC 96-45, Universal Service Contribution Mechanism

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is the Ex-Parte Recommendation on Universal Service Contribution Mechanism from State Joint Board Members, dated August 7, 2002. A copy of the ex parte recommendation was mailed to the honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

G. Nanette Thompson, State Chair
On Behalf of the State Joint Board Members